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Minutes, Mar. 2010

MINUTES FROM March 9, 2010:

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP SPY POND COMMITTEE
MARCH 9, 2010 MEETING Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Brad Barber, Bill Eykamp, Jacob Friis, Joey Glushko, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Harriet Noyes, Dick Terry.
Facilitator: Jacob Friis Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 6, May 4, June 8.
Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference Room.

. Dead phragmites: Brad reported that much of it has been cut by volunteers (including Brad, Steve Ricci, and John McKenna of the Kelwyn Manor Association). They used the edge of a square shovel, piled the reeds on tarps, and dragged them to the shore. Brad will notify DPW to haul the reeds away. S. Ricci will write a letter to donors to the phragmites project, thanking them and encouraging donations to the waterbodies fund.

. Fertilizer flyers have been printed and will be distributed by the "Workplace" students. Jane will write a letter to the Arlington Advocate thanking them. Joey will put the flyer on the Town website.

. The March 21 program with Frances Clark is all set, will be advertised in the Advocate Calendar. Committee members will bring refreshments. Arrive at 2 p.m. for set-up; program starts at 2:30 and must end by 4:45 p.m. as the Library closes at 5.

. Trails Day, May 8: Stroker has sent an e-mail with assignments for committee members; everybody should check it. Joey has asked MassHighway to cut the grass and pick up litter on the highway side of the fence before May 8. Note: arranging for food is a topic for the April meeting.

. New sign-ups via the census mailing: Jane has distributed the list to each committee, Jacob has contacted people who expressed interest in Spy Pond if they provided an e-mail address.

. Egg addling: Geese should start nesting in late March, volunteers are ready.

. Waterbodies fund: The Finance Committee approved our request for an appropriation. It hopes Vision 2020 will come up with a long-range plan for maintaining the Town's water bodies.

. Kayak rentals in the summer: Plans are in the works. Signing up in advance at the Recreation Department will again be necessary.